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SUBJECT: APRIL 5 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. KOREA

ETHICS CMTE RELEASED DOCUMENT TUES--FOUND IN TONGSUN
PARK'S WASHINGTON HOME AND IDENTIFIED AS KOREAN INTELL
,EPORT--THAT ASSERTED HOUSE SPKR O'NEILL ASKED PARK FOR
KOREAN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OTHER CONGRESSMEN/THEIR
WIVES. BUT IN 4/4 TESTIMONY, PARK SAID O'NEILL NEVER
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MADE SUCH REQUEST. ALSO REPEATED HE NEVER SOUGHT BUY
INFLUENCE FROM CONGRESS. MEANWHILE, O'NEILL DENIED
ALLEGATION CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT AS "TOTAL FABRICATION"/
SAID HE IS PREPARED TESTIFY PUBLICLY ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP
W/PARK (BABCOCK, WP; HALLORAN, NYT; SARRO, WSTAR 4/4;
OLSON, SUN; COATES, CHITRIB; AP'S KNUTSON, PHINQ; VOLZ,
NYDN; REUTER 4/4).

IN SEPARATE ITEM, BABCOCK REMARKS HOW PARK--AT REP
PASSMAN'S SUGGESTION--GAVE 1,000 DOLS EACH TO 2 OTHER

REPS PARK HAD NEVER MET: RARICK (D-LA)/ROYBAL (D-CALIF). ALSO NOTES THAT AFTER CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FON NATLS OUTLAWED IN '74, PARK BEGAN "BUYING" WATCHES/JEWELRY FROM CONGRESSMEN--OFTEN AT TWICE THEIR

VALUE. TESTIFIED PARK 4/4, "I WAS A STRONG AND ENTHUSIASTIC COLLECTOR OF ANTIQUES."

LAT'S JACKSON (4/2) REPORTS FEDRL INVESTIGATORS STUMPED OVER 4.5 MIL DOLS--CAREFULLY TRACKED BY US AGENCIES UP TO CERTAIN POINT--THAT NEVER SHOWED UP IN ANY CONGRESSMEN'S POCKET. INVESTIGATORS OPTIMISTIC THEY WILL HAVE MORE INFO BY SUMMER, BUT DOUBT ALL MONEY PASSED OUT WILL EVER BE TRACKED DOWN.

NYT CARRIES REPORT RE SEOUL'S DEMAND FOR CLARIFICATION OF FORMER AMB PORTER'S RECENT STATEMENTS CONFIRMING BLUE HOUSE BUGGING. STATES SEVERAL SKOREAN POL PARTIES HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS CRITICIZING US FOR SPYING ON ROKG. MAJORITY DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN PARTY SAID US SHOULD FEEL "ASHAMED" ABOUT ADVOCATING POLITICS THAT EMPHASIZE IMMORALITY, WHILE GROUP PRES PARK'S DEPUTIES SAID CARTER ADMIN OWED SK OFFICIAL EXPLANATION OF ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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CONDUCT.

JURY TRYING HANCHO KIM CONSPIRACY CASE ORDERED SEQUESTERED WHILE TONGSUN PARK TESTIFIES PUBLICLY (WSTAR, 4/4).

2. JAPAN

SPEAKING TO BUSINESSMEN/BANKERS IN OSAKA 4/5, MANSFIELD WARNED OF WIDESPREAD BELIEF IN US THAT JAPAN RESTRICTING AMERICAN EXPORTS. SAID JAPAN'S IMPORT RESTRICTIONS/RISING EXPORTS/DIFFICULTY OF US MFRS SELLING PRODUCTS THERE HAS BROUGHT ABOUT "SERIOUS SITUATION" IN CONGRESS. CALLED FOR REVERSAL IN JAPAN'S CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE, WARNING THAT IF SITUATION DIDN'T IMPROVE SOON, CONGRESS LIKELY CONSIDER LEGISLATION DETRIMENTAL TO JAPAN'S TRADE/ECON INTERESTS (UPI TOKYO; REUTER OSAKA).

AT JAPAN NATL PRESS CLUB 4/4, MITSUI CHIEF IKEDA URGED US STEP UP EFFORTS EXPORT MORE TO JAPAN. CLAIMED MANY US FIRMS GIVE UP TOO EASILY, BLAMING FAILURE ON TARIFF BARRIERS. STATED RECENT DUMPING CHARGES AGAINST JAPAN UNREASONABLE, ASSERTING JAPANESE GOODS POPULAR IN US BECAUSE THEY ARE EFFICIENT/COMPETITIVE (UPI, NYDN).

NY'S TOP COPPER TRADERS ESTIMATE JAPAN MAY HAVE SHORTFALL IN COPPER THIS YR OF 50,000-60,000 TONS. LEADING

MINING SOURCES BELIEVE JAPANESE "SNAPPING UP" AVAILABLE SUPPLIES AS RESULT (REUTER, 4/4).

NYT'S LINDSEY DOES ARTICLE ON INCREASED INFLUX JAPANESE

TOURISTS TO US. SINCE 1970, NUMBER TOURISTS HAS RISEN FROM 207,000 TO 749,000. REMARKS JAPANESE TOURISTS HEAVY BUYERS LUXURY/DESIGN-NAME GOODS, WHICH THO EXPENSIVE, WOULD COST DOUBLE IN TOKYO.
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REUTER'S FOLEY (TOKYO) DOES FEATURE ON JAPAN'S "UYOKU"--ULTRA-RIGHTISTS. SAYS POLICE KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON RIGHTISTS/ESTIMATE SOME 25,000 HARD-CORE ACTIVISTS ARE GROUPED INTO 50 ORGANIZATIONS. CONCERNED OVER VIOLENCE FROM FANATICS W/IN GROUP, POLICE HAVE KEPT STRONG GUARD ON EMBS/NATL AIRLINE OFFICES/HOMES OF PROMINENT POLITICIANS.

3. VIETNAM

DAVID TRUONG, ACCUSED OF SPYING FOR HANOI, WILL BE RELEASED ON 250,000-DOL BOND AS SOON AS NECESSARY PAPER WORK COMPLETED/APPROVED BY FEDRL JUDGE. TRUONG'S CODEFENDANT, USIA EMPLOYE RONALD HUMPHREY, HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE RAISE HIS 150,000-DOL BAIL (WP).

YUGOSLAV CORRESPONDENT HAS REPORTED SRV SEIZED 30,000 PVT BUSINESSES IN SAIGON. WROTE IN BELGRADE DAILY THAT NATIONALIZATION THERE/IN OTHER CITIES MET W/"DISSATISFACTION BY MANY." REPORTED NO COMPENSATION MADE, AND MANY FORMER OWNERS EXPECT BE SENT FOR "RE-EDUCATION"/WORK AT "ECONOMIC ZONES" IN COUNTRYSIDE (AP BELGRADE, WP).

LAT'S CHRISS DOES ITEM ON CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SENDING 10,000 TONS WHEAT TO VN. GROUP HAS DESCRIBED PROJECT AS "CONTRIBUTION" BY US PUBLIC IN "GOODWILL" GESTURE TOWARD VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. ITEM NOTES LATE SEN HUMPHREY SUPPORTED SHIPMENT, THO ADMIN REFUSED AID EFFORT.

4. INDONESIA

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INFORMED SOURCES SAY CUBA WILL REOPEN EMB IN JAKARTA, 11 YRS AFTER CLOSING IT. CUBAN GOVT MISSION EXPECTED ARRIVE JAKARTA NEXT WK FOR TALKS (REUTER JAKARTA).

MCARTHUR (LAT 4/2) REPORTS INDONESIA'S OIL FIELDS

PRODUCING AT RECORD LEVELS/NATL OIL INCOME GREATER THAN EVER--BUT INDUSTRY STILL SUFFERING FROM SEASIAN OIL INDUSTRY COLLAPSE OF '75-'76. CITES PERTAMINA'S 10-MIL-DOL JAM IN '75, WHICH CAUSED RIFTS W/FON OIL FIRMS. ACCORDING US ECON EXPERTS, INDONESIA MAY BECOME NET OIL IMPORTER W/IN 10 YRS.

5. PHILIPPINES

AMEMB MANILA ANNOUNCES NEW DCM DONALD TOUSSAINT (REUTER MANILA).

OVER 20,000 WORKERS BURNED MARCOS EFFIGIES 4/4 IN MANILA IN ONE OF BIGGEST ANTI-GOVT DEMONSTRATIONS IN 5 YRS. BEARING TORCHES/PLACARDS READING, "DOWN WITH MARITAL LAW," DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED THROUGHOUT CITY CHANTING, "MARCOS, HITLER, DICTATOR." UNIFORMED POLICE KEPT WATCH ON PROCEEDINGS, STAGED TO SUPPORT PRO-LABOR CANDIDATE IN NEXT FRIDAY'S INTERM NATL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS (UPI MANILA, NYT).

US EMERGES AS PHILS' MAJOR TRADING PARTNER IN '77 FOR 2ND CONSEC YR. CENTRAL BANK REPORT ALSO CITED INCREASING SIGNS PHILS DIVERSIFYING MKT FOR ITS PRODUCTS, ESPEC W/COMMUNIST COUNTRIES (REUTER MANILA).

6. CHINA

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS WALL POSTER ATTACKING MAYOR WU TEH WENT UP TUES ON EVE OF SECOND ANNIVERSARY TIEN AN MEN SQUARE'S BLOODY ANTI-EXTREMIST RIOTS. POSTER PLACED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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BACK STREET, ON WALL OPPOSITE POLICE STATION, BY TEACHER FROM PEKING MIDDLE SCHOOL DEMANDING WU ADMIT HIS MISTAKES IN CONNECTION W/'76 RIOTS; ALSO ACCUSED HIM OF HAVING MADE MISTAKES IN CRITICIZING TENG, SUPPRESSING PEKING MOVEMENT TO CRITICIZE "GANG OF 4" (NYT).

HAND-WRITTEN POSTER, APPARENTLY PUT UP TUES NIGHT, APPEARED 4/5 ON CENTRAL CHANG AN BLVD WALL ACCUSING FORMER PEKING POLICE CHIEF LIU CHUAN-SHIN OF TORTURING PEOPLE ARRESTED 2 YRS AGO IN CONNECTION W/APRIL 5 RIOTS IN TIEN AN MEN SQUARE. POSTER ATTRACTED CROWDS OF PASSER-BY (REUTER PEKING).

7. HONG KONG

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORP REACHES AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH IT WOULD ACQUIRE CONTROL OF MARINE MIDLAND BANKS, INC, BUFFALO (NY) BANK HOLDING FIRM. DEAL WOULD CONSTITUTE ONE OF LARGEST BANKING TAKEOVERS IN US/PUMP

ABOUT 200 MIL DOLS NEW CAPITAL INTO MARINE BY END OF '80
(MILLETTI, NYT; FOLDESBY, WSJ).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

LAT'S MATHEWS (HK 4/4) SAYS THOUSANDS OF FON TOURISTS HAVE
DISCOVERED IN PAST MONTH THAT TRAVELING TO ONCE-FORBIDDEN
PRC HAS BECOME EASY AS BUYING SUIT FROM HK TAILOR.
OBSERVES NEW PEKING LEADERSHIP, EAGER FOR TOURIST DOLS
THAT WILL HELP EXPAND THEIR BUYING POWER ABROAD, HAVE IN
RECENT WKS THROWN OPEN DOORS TO FON TRAVELERS, EVEN
AMERICANS, ON UNPRECEDENTED SCALE. TOURIST VISAS TO PRC
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NOW OFTEN AVAILABLE IN HK ON 2-3 DAYS' NOTICE; FOR FIRST
TIME, CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE HK OFFICE HAS BEGUN OFFER
WKEND CANTON TOURS TO HK RESIDENTS/OVERSEAS VISITORS
PASSING THROUGH COLONY; LONGER BUT LESS FREQUENT TRIPS TO
PEKING/SHANGHAI/KWEILIN/HANGCHOW ALSO AVAILABLE TO
ORDINARY TOURISTS THROUGH SPECIALLY DESIGNATED HK PRIVATE
TRAVEL AGENTS; ALSO POSSIBLE FOR THOSE W/WHEREWITHAL TO
TAKE SLOW BOAT TO CHINA, AND SEVERAL AIRLINES, INCLUDING
PANAM, HAVE BEEN GRANTED PKG-TOUR RIGHTS TO PRC.

MATHEWS NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT CHINESE HAVE FORBIDDEN THEIR
AUTHORIZED TRAVEL AGENTS ADVERTISE AIR/RAIL TOURS IN MEDIA
FOR FEAR OF BECOMING OVEREXTENDED/OVERTAXING FIRST-CLASS
HOTELS/TRANSLATORS. SUGGESTS US TOURISTS EXPECTED
ACCOUNT FOR MUCH OF GROWTH IN CHINESE TOURISM THIS YR.
NOTES PEKING AUTHORITIES ORIGINALLY STIPULATED THAT NO MORE
THAN THIRD OF ANY TOUR COULD BE AMERICANS, BUT DEMAND
FROM US HAS RUN SO HIGH THAT PRC HAS RELENTE/RAISED LIMIT
TO ABOUT 50 PCT. SAYS SOME VISITORS ARE PUT OFF BY RIGID
ITINERARIES PLANNED FOR THEM, AND SPARTAN CHINESE ACCOMMO-
DATIONS ALSO COME AS SHOCK TO SOME TRAVELERS.

MATHEWS (4/4) FINDS PRC/EEC TRADE PACT DOCUMENT SHORT
ON SPECIFICS, BUT SYMBOLIC OF GROWING ECON/POL LINKS BETWN
WORLD'S MOST POPULOUS NATION AND WORLD'S LARGEST TRADING
BLOC. SEES IT INDICATING PEKING WILL BE TURNING PRIMARILY
TO JAPAN/EUROPE, RATHER THAN US, FOR HI-TECHNOLOGY EQUIP-
MENT IT NEEDS FOR CRASH INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM.

9. KOREA

MCGRORY (SUN/WSTAR 4/4) PONDERES TONGSUN PARK'S TESTIMONY
BEFORE ETHICS CMTE. REMARKS JAWORSKI "SHOWED NO APPRECI-
ATION" OF PARK'S CAPITOL HILL FRIENDSHIPS/HIS PATRIOTIC,
SELF-STARTING "PRIVATELY FINANCED" MISSION TO IMPROVE
US-SK RELS. SAYS PARK'S WORST MISTAKE MAY HAVE BEEN KEEP-

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ING RECORDS; "HE WAS PRACTICALLY DROWNING IN HIS OWN DOCUMENTATION." CASTS SUSPICIOUS EYE AT PASSMAN, WHO

RECEIVED SOME 477,000 DOLS FROM PARK BUT WHO PARK SAYS ONLY GOOD FRIEND. MCGRORY CONCLUDES W/KAHLIL GIBRAN QUOTE, "FRIENDSHIP IS NEEDS ANSWERED."

CHITRIB DOES FULL-PG PHOTO SPREAD ON SKOREAN TEXTILE MILL. MILL'S GENRL MANAGER CLAIMS WORKERS SATISFIED W/MEAGER SALARIES. EXPRESSES PRIDE IN FACTORY'S PRODUCTIVITY--IT RUNS AT 100 PCT CAPACITY IN 3 SHIFTS PER DAY/6 DAYS PER WK.

10. LAOS/VIETNAM

CSM EDIT LAUDS LAOTIONS--MOSTLY MEO TRIBESMEN--WHO CONTINUE CREATE SECURITY PROBLEMS FOR GOVT. NOTES PEASANTS APPARENTLY SHOW REBELS SYMPATHY, INDICATING COMMUNISTS HAVE NOT WON PEOPLE'S HEARTS/MINDS; "THEY HAVE VICTIMIZED THEM." FINDS SOME HOPEFUL SIGNS EMERGING AS FOOD SHORTFALL MAY SOON BE RESOLVED THRU INTL DONATIONS. OPINES IN FINAL ANALYSIS, LAOS' FUTURE DEPENDS ON HANOI/ITS WILLINGNESS ESTABLISH NORMAL RELS W/WEST.

11. JAPAN

LAT'S JAMESON (TOKYO 4/2) BELIEVES "FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE" IN FABRIC JAPANESE SOCIETY SEEMS INEVITABLE AS SOCIAL/ ECON PRESSURES MOUNT. REVERSAL OF FLOOD TO CITIES CITED, WELL AS INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. LATTER FACT SEEN AS INDICATION THAT COLLEGE DEGREE--ONCE GAINED ONLY BY ELITE--WILL NO LONGER BE PASSPORT TO FUTURE. NOTES SOME JAPANESE CONCERNED UNCLASSIFIED

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BECAUSE COUNTERMEASURES DESIGNED DEAL W/IMPENDING CHANGE NOT EVEN BEING CONSIDERED.

12. THAILAND

MORITZ (CSM BANGKOK) QUOTES BANGKOK POL ANALYST THAT KRIANGSAK'S GOVT MAY BE BEST THAILAND CAN HAVE AT MOMENT, BUT WONDERS "HOW LONG CAN IT LAST?" CITES IMPROVEMENTS GOVT HAS MADE IN LAST 5 MONTHS, INCL RELAXATION MARTIAL LAW/MORE CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE TOWARD GROUPS AT HOME/ABROAD. MORITZ BELIEVES IF KRIANGSAK TO SURVIVE POLITICALLY, HE MUST WIN OVER WORKERS/STUDENTS W/O RISKING PRECIPITOUS MILITARY

INTERVENTION.

13. BURMA

RANDOLPH (CSM RANGOON) DOES TRAVEL-TYPE ITEM, CENTERING ON BURMA'S "RELATIVE BACKWARDNESS"/GOVT'S "HEAVY

HAND." FINDS LATTER STIFLING CREATIVITY/INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT, AS NEWSPAPERS CONTAIN NO NEWS/BOOKSTORES HAVE NO BOOKS DEALING W/ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL ISSUES. SAYS WHILE WORST ELEMENTS OF WESTERN CIV HAVE BEEN AVOIDED, SO HAS MODERNIZATION. STATES THIS LATTER LACK HAS RESULTED IN DEVASTATED ECONOMY/REPRESSIVE POL STRUCTURE/DECAYING NATL POTENTIAL.

14. PHILIPPINES

JACK ANDERSON (WP) SUPPLEMENTS HIS TUES STORY OF HOW MARCOS IS HOARDING EA TREASURES WHICH JAPANESE PILLAGED DURING WWII--DETAILS OF WHICH, HE ATTESTS, ARE IN CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS NOW IN POSSESSION DOS. CLAIMS BOOTY WORTH 100 MIL DOLS, AND MARCOS HAS SOWRN OTHER CONSPIRATORS TO SECRECY, THREATENING KILL ANYONE WHO MAKES UNCLASSIFIED

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STORY PUBLIC.

WP'S MATHEWS (MANILA) SUGGESTS THAT IF "STRANGE" ELECTION CAMPAIGN HAS ANY OTHER JUSTIFICATION THAN MARCOS' NEED TO IMPRESS US CONGRESS, IT IS ITS CURIOSITY/LAUGHTER/ EXUBERANT ORATORY--OLD, BELOVED ISLAND SPORT THAT MARCOS KNOWS FILS HAVE MISSED DURING MARTIAL LAW YRS. VANCE

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